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**New Centrally-sponsored schemes for welfare of people of Bihar, West Bengal and NE States**

1652. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new Centrally-sponsored schemes being implemented or proposed to be implemented by her Ministry for the Welfare of the people in Bihar and West Bengal as well as NE States during 2000-2001;

(b) the funds allocated for this purpose;

(c) the amount released, so far, for these schemes and the funds spent thereon, till date; and

(d) the details of achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No new Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented or proposed to be implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in Bihar, West Bengal and N-E States during 2000-01.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

**Case of Suicide by Advocate in A.P.**

1653. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 12 women's organizations in Andhra Pradesh have demanded that the case pertaining to suicide by advocate Sangetha Sharma should be handed over to the CBI to ensure proper enquiry; and

(b) if so, the action proposed/taken to help women to fight against sexual harassment by senior lawyers and other anti-social elements in the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

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